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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir/Madam:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed May 16, 2005. In that Action, the Examiner has restricted the application and has required an election between the following groups: Group I (Claims 1-18, drawn to a reinforced secondary backing, classified in class 428, subclass 208) and Group II (Claims 19-44, drawn to a carpet and method of making a carpet, classified in class 428, subclass 95 and class 156, subclass 72). Applicant provisionally elects Group II with traverse and, accordingly, provisionally elects Claims 19-44.

Applicant awaits an action on the merits.

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No fees are believed to be due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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